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FOLLOWING MSG RECEIVED ACTION BANGKOK FROM UDORN JAN 2.
IS REPEATED TO YOU FOR INFO:

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C O N F I D E N T I A L UDORN 003

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, TH, LA

SUBJECT: THAI-LAO BORDER REOPENS AT NONG KHAI

1. AT 0730 ON JAN. 1 THAI AUTHORITIES IN NONG KHAI REOPENED
THE BORDER WHICH WAS CLOSED FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING INCIDENT
INVOLVING PATROL BOAT (PBR) 123 ON NOV. 17. IMMIGRATION
OFFICIALS IN NONG KHAI SAID THE BORDER IS OPEN PERMANENTLY
AND THAT THEIR MAIN OFFICE IN TOWN WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM
0830 - 1700. OTHER CROSSING POINTS REMAIN CLOSED. THE
CARGO FERRY SERVICE IN NONG KHAI IS SCHEDULED TO RESUME
OPERATION ON JAN. 2.

2. FOUR SMALL PASSENGER FERRY BOATS (2 THAI:2 LAO) WERE
DOING A BRISK CROSS-RIVER BUSINESS THROUGHOUT THE DAY
(JAN. 1). BY 1500 MORE THAN 300 THAIS WHO WERE STRANDED
IN LAOS WHEN THE BORDER CLOSED HAD RETURNED HOME. MANY
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LINGERED AT THE RIVERSIDE RESTAURANT TO TOAST THEIR RETURN

AND WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR. A GROUP OF 40 OR 50 LAO HAD

CROSSED TO SHOP AT THE NONG KHAI MARKET. WE WERE ALSO
TOLD THAT FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE INDONEASIAN MISSION
IN VIENTIANE HAD CROSSED TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES. PEOPLE
WERE PROHIBITED FROM TAKING GASOLINE OUT OF THAILAND AND
WERE LIMITED TO SMALL (UNSPECIFIED) QUANTITIES OF RICE
AND SUGAR.

3. A FEW LAO WHO WERE STRANDED IN THAILAND WHEN THE
BORDER CLOSED LEFT NONG KHAI, AS DID A HANDFUL OF THAI
PRODUCE VENDORS SEEKING TO SELL VEGETABLES AND MEAT IN
THA DEUA AND VIENTIANE. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER,
THAT PASSENGERS, LIMITED TO WHAT THEY COULD CARRY BY HAND,
TOOK FEW SUPPLIES INTO OR OUT OF LAOS. BY LATE
AFTERNOON THE CROSSINGS CONTINUED TO RUN SMOOTHLY WITH NO
REPORTS OF TROUBLE ON EITHER SIDE.

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